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1. A video camera having an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body to display a picked-up image; and

a moving member for enabling said display part to move between a first position in which said display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which said display part is stowed in the video camera body,

wherein, when said display part is in the second position, a major-side direction of said display part coincides with a major-side direction of the video camera body.

2. A video camera according to claim 1, wherein, when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately perpendicular to a display plane of said display part and a minor-side direction of said display part coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

3. A video camera according to claim 1, wherein,

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when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel with a display plane of said display part and a minor-side direction of said display part coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

4. A video camera according to claim 1, wherein a length in a minor-side direction of said display part is approximately equal to a length in a minor-side direction of the video camera body.

5. A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

sound output means for outputting a sound in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound output means is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said display part on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

6. A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

sound-volume adjusting means for adjusting

volume of a sound outputted in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound-volume adjusting means is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said display part on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

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7. A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

operation means operable for displaying a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said operation means is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said display part on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

8. A video camera according to claim 1, wherein said moving member is connected to a minor side of said display part at a position which deviates from a center line of the minor side of said display part.

9. A video camera having an approximately

rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body to display a picked-up image;

a first member for enabling said display part to rotate around a first shaft approximately parallel with an incident optical axis from a state where a major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with a major-side direction of the video camera body; and

a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft perpendicular to the incident optical axis in such a state that said display part has rotated approximately 90 degrees from the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

10. A video camera according to claim 9, wherein said second member includes:

a rotating member disposed at a central portion of a side face along a minor side of said display part; and

a sliding member fixed to the video camera body and arranged to slide along the side face of said display part.

11. A video camera according to claim 10, wherein said display part is made rotatable when said rotating member and said sliding member fittingly engage with each other.

12. A video camera according to claim 9, further comprising:

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detection means for detecting the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body; and

control means for causing said display part to display an image with a minor-side direction of said display part put on a horizontal plane, when the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body is detected by said detection means.

13. A video camera having an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

display means having a display image plane of an approximately rectangular shape and disposed such that a major-side direction of the display image plane coincides with a major-side direction of the video camera body; and

display control means having a first mode of

causing said display means to display an image with the major-side direction of the display image plane of said display means put on a horizontal plane and a second mode of causing said display means to display an image with a minor-side direction of the display image plane of said display means put on a horizontal plane.

14. A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes said display means to display an image in the first mode when the image is based on image data stored in storage means, and causes said display means to display an image in the second mode when the image is based on an image signal outputted from an image sensor.

15. A video camera according to claim 13, further comprising:

designation means for designating an image area to be displayed on the display image plane of said display means in the second mode.

16. A video camera according to claim 15, wherein said display control means causes said display means to display an image in such an enlarged state that a length in a vertical direction of the image becomes approximately equal to a length in the major-side direction of the display image plane of said display means.

17. A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes, in the second mode, said display means to display an image in such a state that a length in a horizontal direction of the image is approximately equal to a length in the minor-side direction of the display image plane of said display means, and causes said display means to display operation items operable for an image pickup operation in a vacant area on the display image plane.

18. A video camera according to claim 17, further comprising:

a touch panel disposed on the display image plane of said display means for detecting an instruction given to an operation item displayed on the display image plane of said display means in the second mode.

19. A video camera according to claim 13, wherein said display control means causes, in the first mode, said display means to display, in a vacant area on the display image plane, operation items operable for an image reproducing and displaying operation.

20. A video camera according to claim 19, further comprising:

a touch panel disposed on the display image plane of said display means for detecting an instruction given to an operation item displayed on the display image

plane of said display means in the second mode.

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